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PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR INDEPENDENT POLICE MONITOR FINALISTS TO MEET THE COMMUNITY

APRIL 21 and APRIL 22, 2010

The City of New Orleans Office of the Inspector General announces that two open hearings will be held for the public to meet and question finalists for the position of Independent Police Monitor. The meetings will be held:

On April 21, 2010 at 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Treme Center, 1400 St. Phillip St.

On April 22, 2010 at 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Behrman Center, 2529 General Meyer Ave.

Members of the community are encouraged to attend to meet the finalists and ask questions of the candidates. After the public has provided its input, the Search Committee will select three finalists, from which three the Inspector General will select the Independent Police Monitor.

The Independent Police Monitor, part of the Office of the Inspector General:

- *Monitors the process by which the NOPD investigates allegations of misconduct by its staff. It does not itself investigate individual allegations of misconduct by NOPD but reviews completed NOPD investigations in order to report publicly on their fairness, thoroughness and timeliness.*
- *It collects and analyzes data about complaints and police operations in order to identify problem areas and their root causes. It provides these reports to the NOPD and to the public.*
- *It encourages constructive and informed public dialogue about systemic issues of police policies and procedural reform by making recommendations for reforms that meet best practices nationwide.*